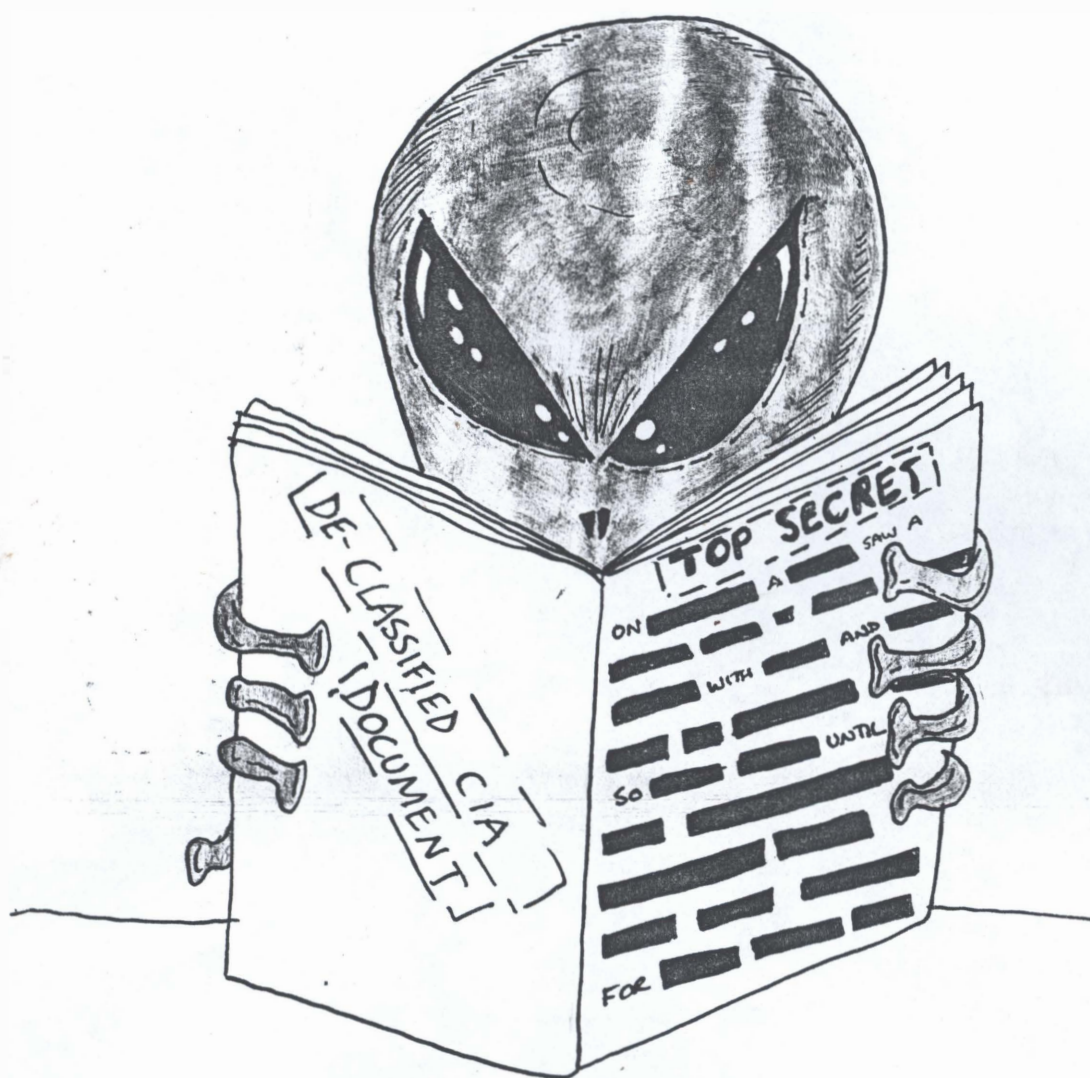


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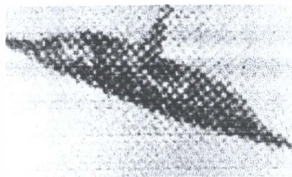
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Nick Redfern on the IRC

(UFO-UK)

This is a cleaned up log, of the Saturday 4th April 1998 IRC meeting with guest Nick Redfern. Nick kindly gave up a couple of hours of his spare time to answer some questions for the regular members of the Internet channel. Below you will find a list of questions that Nick was asked by the various members on-line along with his replies.

Nick Redfern is 33 years old from near Walsall, England. He's one of the best and most respected researchers in the UK. His first book, 'A Covert Agenda', published by Simon and Schuster was released in England in October 1997 and is available on import in America.

His second book, 'The FBI Files' details the British Government's involvement in the UFO phenomenon even though they still insist they have no interest in the subject due to the fact that there is no national security breaches, a fact which is proved otherwise by Nick.

Nick has instrumented an unprecident number of documents from the Public Records office in London as well as detailed accounts from civilian and military witnesses. All this research proves beyond a doubt that there is indeed more to the phenomenon than governments admit.

Can you tell us what you have found out about the DI55?

DI55 is one of the specialist and covert divisions within the ministry of defence which investigates UFOs. The department within DI55 which carries out such studies is the Space Division.

What documents have you seen linking DI55 to covert operations and are they publically available?

Some records on DI55 are available and they show that on occasion staff attached to the division have dispatched staff to interview witnesses - maybe this is where the rumours of the men in black come from.

What are your latest findings in the UK government records regarding UFO's

The latest releases suggest that the public office at Whitehall which carries out studies is little more than a public relations office.

Do you find thoroughly investigating a case almost impossible due to other groups withholding information which may prove vital?

Generally I've found that the groups are fairly helpful to me; however, I can't say the same for the government!

Is there many official documents on the Bentwaters/Rendlesham forest case?

There are no records at the Public Record Office and when I asked Nick Pope, he told me that the earliest entry in the file to which he had access dated from 1983 - three years after the encounter!

What is your position on the MJ-12 documents?

I think the MJ-12 papers are not official us government files; however, I do believe that the source of the papers had access to insider knowledge.

What is the most startling discovery that you have made amongst the official archives?

One of the most interesting files concerns a sighting at RAF West Freugh in 1957 in which the MODs own files state that five UFOs the size of sea-going liners overflowed the base at high level nr

I understand you have been looking into Rudloe Manor with Matthew Williams has anything new come up that you can tell us about.

Rudloe have admitted that they handled UFO reports as a co-ordination point, but deny that they carried out investigations. In my book however, I have cited the testimony of military people who dispute this. Also Nick Pope had absolutely no idea when I interviewed him in 1994 that Rudloe had ANY real involvement.

You have worked on and seen many files concerning UFOs. Do you have any idea, what is meant, when a file says UFO? Do they, the government, have no clue, or do they just take "UFO" as a cover name?

I think that the number of people within the military or govt who have access to the full picture is very very small. Its clear from the files that, for example, radar experts only get to see certain files, weather experts get to see others etc.

Nick what do you think of the Bentwaters case?

I personally believe that genuine UFOs penetrated the base and the nuclear capability at the base. I also believe that the military had no control over the situation. I think that the nuclear angle to the case is one of the main ones for sustaining the cover up.

Is there any evidence to suggest that the MOD actually believes the majority of UFOs are actually physical objects in the sky? As most are only lights in the sky. Earlier investigations by the MOD concluded that they were likely to be optical effects and misidentified astronomical objects. Or was that disinfo?

One of the problems is that the MOD is not one single entity. There are divisions within divisions, boxes within boxes. One department may put out a statement and be completely unaware of evidence collected by another department.

Nick, do you give any credence to the possible existence of a German Group in South America who some people believe are building ships that could be mistaken for real UFO's?

Personally I'm sceptical about this, however it is a fact that the nazis were indeed trying to develop disc shaped aircraft during WW2. This is a good area for future research.

In your research what evidence have you come across regarding MIB's?

I've spoken with 6 or 7 people who have informed me that they were silenced or warned by people flashing official badges. Nick Pope says they are nothing to do with the MoD -but someones sending them!! I would say in the UK they are from one or more of the intelligence divisions of the MoD.

Tim Good makes the point that when he phoned up Rudloe Manor to report a UFO they accepted the report as if they were used to it. He seems to think that this proves that they were collating info on UFOs. However skeptics say that every police station and air force base has special forms for reporting UFOs. What other evidence is there which suggests that Rudloe Manor were involved in anything sinister?

Rudloe have stated officially that until 1992 they were the official coordination point for UFO reports for the entire royal air force. If you ask them, they will tell you this. Also, there are records at the PRO showing that the Provost and Security Services (who are now based at Rudloe) are investigating such sightings.

How far do you think the MoD will go to protect the real juicy UFO secrets?

The MoD staff who deal with declassification of records can only release what they are given by the intelligence divisions themselves, so its quite easy for the really good stuff to remain hidden.

Do you think we are living in a period of time, where we can get behind the "official lies" which the government makes us believe?

I think that we have gone about as far as we can by doing it officially and legally. The next step is to encourage govt employees to bust the secrecy by leaking stuff themselves and hacking - these are the ways forward.

Have you ever been threatened by any government agent or by any other means because of what you are doing?

I have never ever been threatened - but being a Sex Pistols fan with a shaved head, if anyone does threaten me, they will get a good kicking!

Have you come across any files that you think could be deliberate disinformation put there for people like yourself to find?

Not in the UK, but I think the MJ-12 papers are disinformation -but maybe they were positive disinformation as opposed to bad.

Why is it that we never heard anything about the Mexico Sightings back in 1991 on the normal TV news services? Was there a Government inspired blackout?

Personally I think its purely down to apathy on the part of the media. They are much happier reporting totally stupid things instead of the real news.

Nick what do you make of animal and human mutilations, and have you seen evidence of it happening` in england?

I think that there is an ET element to the mutilations. I don't pretend to know for what purpose they are carried out. I've seen people talk about mutes in the UK, but have not seen any hard evidence.

Could the MOD just be covering themselves in case a foreign power is spying on us? Is there anything solid when suggests the MOD believes some are alien space craft?

Personally I think that some UFOs are maybe foreign or domestic aircraft and the government is happy for them to be passed of as UFOs. However, I do think that some reports do defy explanation, and my conclusion is that someone in government knows there is an ET link.

How helpful are the MoD in helping you locate files and do they try to put you off the scent or are the people you are dealing with in the dark just as much as the rest of us?

A bit of both. Nick Pope was helpful as were a couple of MOD departments, but again it's the problem that the left hand doesn't know what the right is doing. Because of this the help from one department isn't necessarily forthcoming from another.

What has prompted the recent softening of attitude in the release of UFO documents at the MOD and in the UK government?

Part of it is due to the fact we have got them on the run. There are so many military people coming forward whose testimony absolutely destroys the official line that they realise they have to change their attitude. As a result, stuff released at the beginning of this year is really interesting and concerns the Defence Intelligence Staff investigations. nr

What has lead you to believe that an official confirmation of alien presence on Earth is forthcoming very soon?

Purely the wealth of people coming forward and the fact that numerous government and military agencies are releasing huge amounts of material. I don't think this is coincidence when its being done on a worldwide scale.

Nick what do you think happend at Bentwaters?

I do believe that a genuine UFO appeared, and I do find Larry Warren quite credible re the account of alien creatures being seen. Again, however, I think the UK and US authorities were totally powerless.

I have heard both pro and con regarding the credibility of Larry Warren. Why do you think he should be believed?

Primarily because I know Larry personally. I've spent a week or two with him, and I think I'm a pretty good judge of character. I found him as a person very credible.

Nick, have you come across any Roswell type cases outside of America?

In 1955, a US journalist, Dorothy Kilgallen, was told by a British cabinet official that a UFO had crashed on British soil and was crewed by what were called small men. Its in my book, and it was published in the Los Angeles Examiner in 1955.

Nick in your personnel opinion, do you beleive the alien autopsy film genuine?

The film is tricky. Lots of people knock it; but a number of ex-military people have come forwrd to say they saw the film in the 1960, so I'm in two minds about the whole thing.

Nick, what is the most convincing case that you have investigated and what made it so convincing?

I interviewed a pilot who saw a huge UFO in the 1950s - 300-400 feet in diameter. It hovered, played cat and mouse with him. He was then threatened via the official secrets act. If this was ours, I think by now it would have been seen in warfare - the gulf, vietnam etc.

Which countries are doing research in the UFO field?

UK, US, USSR, Australia, Canada, Brazil, China, for certain. Others maybe as they get sightings.

What got you interested in the UFO phenomena, have you had any kind of experience or sighting?

My father served in the RAF as a radar mechanic and was aware of a number of occasions when fast moving objects were tracked on radar in the 50s. This really got me interested.

What makes/made you think that those Radar trackings that your father exprienced back then in the 50's were Alien crafts and not static interference, weather effects, software bugs, mallofunctions Etc.??"

This is something which the intelligence team from Whitehall addressed. What convinced them that the tracks were genuine was the fact that they clearly reacted when military aircraft were launched to attempt an interception. nr

Lawyer Peter Gersten has done some good work on lawsuits in the U.S. Is there any UK UFO lawsuits going forward or being contemplated?

Not really, but I have ben told by two serving MoD personnel that the majority of the UK Govts files on UFOs will be declassified shortly. If this happens, people will be asking all sorts of questions with Gvt departments.

Do you not feel that the information you are receiving from ex servicemen (who you have convinced to violate their code of conduct) is questionable in its accuracy, if not, why?

I always question witnesses and remain impartial. If I think they're genuine, that's great. If I think what they're saying is bogus, I don't use it.

What is the best evidence that UK covert operations against UFO interested people have actually taken place?

I am aware, via a former RAF Police source, that covert operatives are routinely sent along to UFO conferences to discuss what is being talked about. Also, I've interviewed a number of people who were told not to talk to me - by official sources.

In the U.S., there is an active debunker's organization (CSICOP) that sometimes orchestrates anti-UFO research and education activities. How active are UK debunker groups (they call themselves "skeptics" usually)?

There are a number of sceptical-based groups in the UK; however, I'm confident enough to say that the info I have is solid, so don't lose any sleep over what the sceptic, or the sceptics, say.

Do you feel that people like Matthew Williams do more harm than good when they break into bases?

Personally, I feel that if we are to get answers, we have to go a stage further in our studies which is why I encourage military types to speak out in violation of their security oaths. We have to be as devious as the powers that be.

Have you heard of any types of covert actions taken regarding the UFO groups/channels on the internet/mirc?

Only that I know a number of intelligence agencies do access websites. In one case, I have absolute proof of this. I interviewed recently a US source who told me that certain websites in the US regularly analyse such material. To what extent anything is done with the material, I don't know, but it is certainly downloaded.

Nick what are your views on Crop Circles?

I think that a large number are made by people; however, there are crop circle (not pictogram) reports at the Public Record Office going back to the early 1960s - years before Doug and Dave. Also one such report was associated with a strange light in the sky. So I do think that a small percentage are genuine - of what though, I don't know.

Well Nick I think we should wrap this up now. You have made a very interesting guest tonight!!

STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS RELEASE

Scientific panel concludes some UFO evidence worthy of study

#Stanford, CA, June 29, 1998 --- In the first independent review of UFO phenomena since 1970, a panel of scientists has concluded that some sightings are accompanied by physical evidence that deserves scientific study. But the panel was not convinced that any of this evidence points to a violation of known natural laws or the involvement of an extraterrestrial intelligence.

The review was organized and directed by Peter Sturrock, professor of applied physics at Stanford University, and supported administratively by the Society for Scientific Exploration, which provides a forum for research into unexplained phenomena. The international review panel of nine physical scientists responded to presentations by eight investigators of UFO reports, who were asked to present their strongest data. Von R. Eshleman, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Stanford, co-chaired the panel.

Although UFO reports date back 50 years, the information gathered does not prove that either unknown physical processes or alien technologies are implicated. But it does include a sufficient number of intriguing and inexplicable observations, the panel concluded. "It may be valuable to carefully evaluate UFO reports to extract information about unusual phenomena currently unknown to science." To be credible to the scientific community "such evaluations must take place with a spirit of objectivity and a willingness to evaluate rival hypotheses" that has so far been lacking, it added.

This conclusion differs from that reached by Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the Colorado Project, in his 1968 UFO report. He concluded that "further extensive study of UFOs probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby." It is very similar, however, to the conclusion reached by the American

Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics' Kuettner Report issued two years later, which advocated "a continuing, moderate-level [research] effort with emphasis on improved data collection by objective means and on high-quality scientific analysis."

In the current study, the scientific panel focused on incidents involving some form of physical evidence, including photographic evidence, radar evidence, vehicle interference, interference with aircraft equipment, apparent gravitational or inertial effects, ground traces, injuries to vegetation, physiological effects on witnesses, and debris. Of particular concern are reports that UFO encounters may be hazardous to people's health. Some witnesses have reportedly suffered radiation-type injuries. These reports led the panel to draw the attention of the medical community to the possible health risks involved.

The scientists found that some of the reported incidents may have been caused by rare natural phenomena, such as electrical activity high above thunderstorms or radar

ducting (the trapping and conducting of radar waves by atmospheric channels). However, the panel found that some of the phenomena related to UFOs are not easy to explain in this fashion.

Further analysis of the evidence presented to the panel is unlikely to shed added light on the causes underlying the reports, the scientists said. Most current UFO investigations lack the level of rigor required by the scientific community, despite the initiative and dedication of the investigators involved. But new data, scientifically acquired and analyzed, could yield useful information and advance our understanding of the UFO problem, the panel said.

The reviewers also made the following observations;

1.The UFO problem is not a simple one, and it is unlikely that there is any simple, universal answer.

2.Whenever there are unexplained observations, there is the possibility that scientists will learn something new by studying them.

3.Studies should concentrate on cases that include as much independent physical evidence as possible.

4.Continuing contact between the UFO community and physical scientists could be productive.

5.Institutional support for research in this area is desirable.

The review panel consisted of Von Eshleman; Thomas Holzer, High Altitude Observatory in Boulder, Colo.; Randy Jokipii, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; Francois Louange, managing director of Fleximage, Paris, France; H. J. Melosh, professor of planetary science, University of Arizona, Tucson; James J. Papike, professor of earth and planetary sciences, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Guenther Reitz, German Aerospace Center, Institute for Aerospace Medicine, Cologne, Germany; Charles Tolbert, professor of astronomy, University of Virginia, Charlottesville; and Bernard Veyret, Bioelectromagnetics Laboratory, University of Bordeaux, France.

Eshleman and Holzer served as co-chairs of the panel

The UFO investigators who presented evidence were Richard Haines, Los Altos, Calif.; Illobrand von Ludwiger, Germany; Mark Rodeghier, Center for UFO Studies, Chicago; John Schuessler, Houston; Erling Strand, Ostfold College, Skjeberg, Norway; Michael Swords, professor of natural science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo; Jacques Vallee, San Francisco; and Jean-Jacques Velasco, CNES, Toulouse, France.

The study was initiated by Laurance S. Rockefeller and supported financially by the LSR Fund.

FLYING SAUCERS - SECRET HISTORY (PART 3)

by Tim Matthews

The immediate post-war is critical to an understanding of both the myth and reality of flying saucers or UFOs. One thing is for sure: hundreds of nazi scientists *as well as* intelligence personnel, many of whom had been involved in the abuse of thousands of slave labourers, were transported via *Operation Paperclip* (so named after the original designation *Overcast* was compromised). Many of these technical personnel were sent initially to Fort Bliss in Texas. From here they were farmed out, according to their ability and expertise, to the many advanced scientific facilities dotted throughout the USA and Canada.

Interestingly, Chance-Vought, builder of both the V173 and XF5U1 prototypes, moved its' base of operations to Texas in early 1947. The company seems to have been less than candid at this early stage about the true nature and extent of its' involvement in flying saucers.

The official story of the demise of the XF5U1 - that there was no interest in developing a propeller driven aircraft from 1948 after the advent of jets - is now in question. It would seem that a jet-powered version using Allison J33 engines was actually test-flown at Muroc Field in 1947. The history books tell us that the propeller-driven version was to be tested here before the programme was cancelled. Nevertheless, our understanding of the situation is that technical drawings of the jet-powered version have now surfaced through a series of Freedom Of Information Act requests. Given the overall design of this craft and the many sightings of flying saucers in New Mexico and the Western seaboard in the late 1940s it is safe to conclude that the sightings related to a saucer of terrestrial origin with limited performance characteristics.

The best of these are arguably the sightings over Muroc Field reported by serving military personnel on 8th July 1947 and the subject of subsequent internal investigation which revealed that the object seen was disc-shaped moving at around 300 miles per hour.

The military witnesses Gerald Neuman and Joseph Ruvolo stated that in their opinion this was a man-made aircraft travelling at only 300 miles per hour and this view was supported by a civilian witness named Lenz.

Similar objects were seen - many of them in and around the White Sands Proving Ground where we know for sure that many of the *Paperclip* scientists were working. It is probable that at this stage people were seeing a US-built circular-wing aircraft and only gradually, in the late 1940s/early 1950s, were German advances incorporated into the overall saucer programme. After all, military historians agree that a huge amount of material was recovered from facilities in Germany and it took a great deal of time and effort to collate this. We know both from Gerald K Haines report and from the recently declassified (1995) Air Technical Intelligence Centre report on "Project Silver Bug" that prototype saucers were actually test-flown

(obviously before 1955) in order to determine their usefulness in terms of future dispersed base operations designed to reduce vulnerability to Russian air attack. Hence the possible use of VTOL aircraft from camouflaged facilities.

I also suggest that the sightings reported by military personnel during the 1952 'Operation Mainbrace' may have related to a similar flying saucer prototype. It seems to me that such a major exercise would offer an excellent opportunity for testing and evaluation.

Given that we now believe that Klaus Habermohl designed the first radial-flow engine, a revolutionary development by any standards (even today) in 1943, it is likely that within a few years progress had been made although the advanced nature of the engine made only for slow progress. The incorporation of a radial-flow engine using the Coanda Effect in combination with a circular wing made this a weapon worth keeping secret.

The jet-powered circular wing and the *Silver Bug* craft were two out of three variations upon a theme. There were two *Silver Bug* prototypes, Projects Y and Y2, the first using a standard axial flow engine, the second the more advanced type. "Project Y" was also designated P724 (P being the AV Roe Company project number) and was in fact a hybrid saucer/AVRO *Arrow* (the *Arrow* was an advanced supersonic aircraft cancelled in the early 1960s supposedly after the US pressurized on the Canadian government).

The existence of projects beyond the limited *Avrocar* adds further weight to the suggestion that *Avrocar* was little more than a cover for much more advanced aircraft. Let us be quite clear on this point: Both Projects Y and Y2 were separate and distinct from the *Avrocar* and in fact the evidence further suggests that the craft test-flown near Prague in February 1945 was actually more advanced! It is interesting to note that proponents of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis tend to use the failed *Avrocar* programme as evidence that flying saucers "must be" of ET origin. We must now dismiss such misleading conclusions.

On a separate note and in view of the suggestion that underground facilities have been built in the postwar period it now seems that in certain cases these were used to house small numbers of flying saucer-type aircraft. This is not to say that they were located in the wilds of Canada but more likely within the White Sands Proving Ground and later on or near the Groom Lake facilities in the Nevada Desert. Whilst the man-made reality of flying discs has been hijacked by Bob Lazar, John Lear and a generation of US Ufologists, it seems as if the remote nature of Groom dry Lake bed was considered both with flying saucers and the U2 spyplane in mind.

There is no doubt that all kinds of weird and wonderful aircraft are tested from Groom Lake but in terms of flying saucers it seems as if they may have arrived in 1959/60. The facilities there, although home to secret CIA and possibly National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) aircraft have primarily been operated as US Air Force Flight Test Centre Detachment 3 (AFFTC Det 3). AFFTC is headquartered at Edwards Air Force Base, formerly Muroc Field. It is vital for the reader to understand

that *Silver Bug*, Project Y and in fact all the saucer programmes we now know about had very strong links with the US Air Force.

In fact, Dr. Miethe worked primarily for the USAF even though he was sub-contracted to AVRO - possibly as a cover for the real efforts underway in the USA whereby the design work was undertaken in Canada and the majority of test flights within US borders. Having said that there was a mention of Canadian saucers made in several newspaper articles and books in the early 1950s. Even Donald Keyhoe notes a conversation with an "informed" source on this subject in his populist "Flying Saucers From Outer Space" (1953).

More interesting was an article featured in *Look* magazine dated June 14th 1955 (Volume 19) which featured a design study for a flying saucer produced by Thomas Turner, an British aeronautical engineer with Republic Aviation Corporation. It would seem that Turner might have had some knowledge of *Silver Bug* if only because his proposal for a flying saucer was almost exactly the same as the ATIC aircraft. In addition Turner's proposal includes use of the Coanda effect and the placing of a pilot in a prone position in order to allow for high acceleration and quick turns.

Both these would seem to come from an understanding of German projects the skeptics deny existed. Other notable features of the article include the use of language, for instance the following which reminds us of the introduction to the *Project Silver Bug* report:

"Future airports built for vertically rising flying saucers would have no need of the long, vulnerable runway's today's fighters require. The complete operation could go underground. Tunnels with take-off shafts set into the ground, complete with maintenance bays, fuel and crew quarters, would be bombproofed shelters for a saucer squadron. The shafts would be sealed after take-off for camouflage and protection."

This sounds rather like the need for dispersed base operations discussed in the *Silver Bug* document. I further suggest that we now have a possible primary source for Renate Vesco's insistence that flying saucer bases were situated in the wilds of Canada in a 'remote area of British Columbia'. A picture of such a saucer base is shown in the article and reproduced in this report. The quality is not that good:

The article quoted Brigadier General Benjamin Kelsey (Deputy Director, Air Force Research and Development) who commented that a major problem was the existence of longer runways for the modern fighter and how these were vulnerable and might be destroyed through a single crippling enemy strike. Hence the need for VTOL operations. The article included above is of the utmost importance: in the mid-1950s at the same time that both the US Air Force and CIA were attempting to play down the significance of flying saucer and UFO reports there is substantial evidence to suggest that design teams were building and testing flying saucer prototypes.

Although it has proved difficult to find out about the reality or otherwise of a separate saucer-testing facility situated at Papoose Lake within Area 51 Bill Rose has been

given information that this was the HQ for much saucer prototype testing and that several accidents and crashes resulted from use of early radial-flow engines.

More recently the unusual story of archeologist and historian Jerry Freeman emerged in a series of articles published in the well-known *Las Vegas Sun* newspaper. Simply stated, Freeman wanted to find evidence of a 19th Century pioneer wagon train known as "the lost '49ers". Unfortunately for him, and for history, their remains lay within the boundaries of Area 51! Undeterred, Freeman decided to go on an expedition into the twilight zone and after several days reached Papoose Dry Lake.

He saw a security vehicle in the exact same place that the claimed S4 facilities were hidden and also thought that he saw some sort of door opening in the rock face. It is possible, that electrogravitic systems have been tested both at the Papoose and Groom Lake facilities.

It might be sensible, at this stage, to note the existence of several texts on the question of future propulsion systems for flying discs written in the 1950s. One of these, entitled "Electrogravitics Systems" mentions a research project called "Project Winterhaven" undertaken in 1952 in order to validate Thomas Townsend Brown's "Biefeld-Brown" effect. The report in question makes for fascinating reading and states that:

"Using a number of assumptions as to the nature of gravity, the report postulated a saucer as the basis of a possible interceptor with Mach 3 capability. Creation of a local gravitational system would confer upon the fighter the sharp-edged changes of motion typical in space."

And that:

"Glenn Martin says gravity control could be achieved in six years, but they add that it would entail a Manhattan District type effort to bring it about."

The reader will perhaps not be surprised to learn that once again this report was kept away from public view for some 35 years by Air Force Aeronautical Laboratories at.....Wright Patterson AFB! It was declassified and made available through the Technical Library in the early 1990s.

Whatever the final truth of the matter, we have done enough to establish that flying saucers grew from separate and distinct German-American projects begun in World War Two.

Relatively primitive German discs must have been developed partly because of the failure of the Luftwaffe to defend Axis airfields from allied bombing and the resulting need for VTOL operation. The V173 that became the XF5U1 and later a jet-powered "flying pancake" was born out of a US Navy requirement for an STOL aircraft.

So why the secrecy?

(The final part of this article will be printed in the next issue of YUFOS magazine)

THE TROUBLE WITH UFO'S.....

by Andrew Ashmore

As they say on some American adverts, "When was the last time this happened to you?" - someone more or less laughs in your face the moment you tell them that you are 'into' the subject of UFOs? I bet it has befallen most of us at some point and doesn't it just get right up your back?

This recently happened to me. Meeting an old schoolmate of my brother's the other day I started to tell him about the fact that I may be on telly later in the year due to the filming of an episode of the BBC's 'Close Up North' series, which our little group was lately involved with.

Expecting the answer to be along the lines of "Huh, I'll have to have a look at that!" or "That should be a laugh - you on TV!", it ended up coming out as, "UFOs? U - F - O - s? What are you into that load offor?" Continuing with the slight laugh in his voice, he added, "You prove they exist! Show me one piece of video footage! There isn't any!"

"Well you obviously don't watch 'Sightings', or any other programme about the subject then!" I replied, to the clear ignoramus.

How is it that people such as this can apparently be so sure about topics such as ours without ever having studied it? Well let's face it, they probably get all their information from the most reliable and expert source available - the tabloid newspapers!

Perhaps they find the idea hard to understand. I can find things which to me are a lot harder to understand, for example the pros and cons of the sweeper system or the chart success of Robson & Jerome. These things I just cannot comprehend. UFOs are simple by comparison...just a plain "what are they?" Then we are left with the alternatives which leads me nicely onto the next point.

Recently our magazine editor (*das me!* - Ed.) talked of the different factions within the UFO community and the question of why opponents in the field cannot get their heads together and work with each other to find some sort of answer to the UFO phenomenon. While this may seem an ideal solution to the divisions in our fraternity it is hardly feasible in practice.

Firstly, how many of us believe in the aliens theory? I imagine probably the majority of us sympathise with this idea, I know I do. And there you have it - the problem with us all is that we always feel that we have to take sides. A bit like, "I don't like Holland but the Argies beat us so I hope Holland win." but with more alternatives.

It seems to be human nature to behave in this way. But let's not be disappointed. Look on the bright side, with all these people going their own ways and pursuing one particular thesis the likelihood is that one group has got it right or nearly right and maybe in a few years will have enough evidence to prove it.

On the other hand, maybe no-one is correct and they are all wasting their time. Well, at least it beats sitting on the fence and waiting for the answers to come to you. It is just a pity that some people have to be so vocal and public in their disagreements with others of opposing views. This back-stabbing and character assassination must stop before we all make fools of ourselves.

However, as I always say, everyone has the right to believe whatever they want and not to be laughed at as I was. This type of ignorance from non-informed individuals can hurt and even make you question yourself about whether you are doing the right thing. But remember, as I always do when faced with this predicament - if others cannot accept your ideas and beliefs, that is their problem, not yours...

SANTILLI'S TENT FOOTAGE THROWN INTO DOUBT

by Philip Mantle

On 30 March, 1998, I received an e-mail message simply titled 'Blowing The Whistle - Roswell,' from someone named K---- G----- . The message simply read " Ok, I know something about the Santilli footage, I can identify without a shadow...Call me. K----G-----." It took me a while before I reached KG on the phone and he went on to tell me an intriguing, but so far unconfirmed story. I again interviewed KG on 11.6.98 this time tape recording the conversation.

INTERVIEW: *(The interview has been 'cleaned up' and abridged for clarification and space, but no real details have been omitted , and nothing changed. The full unedited conversation can be found on UFO Updates on the Internet, or via YUFOS - Dave Baker)*

KG: OK, my background is primarily, up until about 5 years ago, as a video games programmer. I then came to work for a company in Milton Keynes, which is where I now live, about 5 years ago. They were actually a hardware designing company. I worked my way up through that company until I was part of the management team, and it was during the period of working there, with a business contact that I first met the people that we are gonna talk about.

Basically, I had a colleague that had an audio/visual company, making Karaoke videos for third party publishers, and soundtracks for children's films, that sort of thing. I actually first came across this company in the capacity as a games programmer. I contracted them to provide music for some video games that I was working on. I spent a lot of time working in their studios while we were playing around with different ideas for theme tunes and sound effects and so forth. I was very well acquainted with (the staff) and had a very good relationship with the owners of the company. About a year and a half ago I went to visit this company, just a social visit, and, while I was there the phone rang, and the secretary put the phone call to the colleague I was with, the owner of the company. The phone conversation (was with) Ray Santilli.

When the phone conversation had finished, I said to my colleague 'The Ray Santilli'. He said, "What do you mean 'the Ray Santilli'?" I said "The guy with the Roswell film." With that my colleague fell about almost in hysterics. He said "Didn't you realise we made that?" And I said, "Oh, no no no!" and he said "Yes, we made that! Didn't you recognise Elliot?" And I said "Well, no, quite frankly I didn't recognise anybody." He took me into the studio and he showed me a video tape I could see that the main character in this footage was Elliot, who was one of the sound engineers there, but it wasn't what I recognised as the Roswell footage. I wasn't at that time particularly impressed. I just thought he'd made *something*, but it certainly wasn't the Santilli footage. He gave me a copy of the video cassette that they'd made but for some reason had never published, and I went off quite happy.

I was sat in my office at home, surfing the Internet, and, I had no real contrived or planned reason, just typed Roswell into Yahoo to do a search, just to see what the latest is, what people are currently thinking about the Roswell film. And I found a web page where they were doing analysis of the tent footage. I'd never followed the story close enough to know that there different segments of footage and different pieces of this so-called Roswell film, and they had sort of a web page analysis of the tent sequence, and I clearly identified that tent sequence with the video that I'd seen. Within about 10 minutes I was downstairs trying to find this video cassette that I'd been given, and basically matched up frame for frame the copy that I had that showed Elliot the sound engineer, with the pages on the Internet. Sure enough the tent footage was the same footage that claimed to be made by my colleagues. It was indisputable - that was Elliot.

At which point, I thought I should inform somebody about this, and just found a few key figures involved in investigating

Philip Mantle: Ok, how did you know about the Roswell film itself and make the connection with Santilli?

KG: Erm, only from the original Channel 4 and the Fox television film. I'm not what one would call a ufologist or any such thing. So it wasn't with over keen interest, but you know, it was *something* that just sits there and you check now and again and see what's going on. In those programmes they interviewed Santilli, and you know, it was just one of those names that when I heard it at -- -----, it was...Santilli, there's a name I know.

Philip Mantle: Did your colleagues at -- ----- at the time when you were in their office and Santilli phoned, did they give you any other information about their dealings with Santilli and selling the film to him or something of that nature?

KG: I believe the film was made basically for another company. They were making a video called, erm, something to do with the web, Beyond the Web?

Philip Mantle: 'Penetrating the Web?'

KG: 'Penetrating the Web.' It was part two or something, and they were actually putting this video together for them. This is how I understood it. They had shown the footage that they made to Ray Santilli to which point Ray Santilli tried to buy it,

acquire it, whatever. 'Penetrating The Web' was never released in the UK at the time it was made, and in fact the copy that I had pre-dated all of this by a year or so.

Ray Santilli had then used this as part of his Roswell collection and there had been sums of money passed between hands to make sure that it wasn't actually published as 'Penetrating The Web', erm, at it's original scheduled release date.

Philip Mantle: Right, well 'Penetrating The Web' was released, are you aware of that?

KG: I had no idea it was released over here, I knew it had been released in Italy.

Philip Mantle: The gentleman who made that told us at the time that he'd bought it from a third party, but he wouldn't say who. So you're saying that -- ----- made it especially for B---- B-----company?

KG: However it happened, but I believe that it was originally made for B---- B-----, I wouldn't confirm that, but that's as I believe it.

INDEPENDENT WITNESSES SEE UFOs OVER SHEFFIELD

Report by Dave Baker

On Saturday, 6th June 1998, a number of people saw unusual lights manoeuvring in the skies over the Shiregreen/Parsons Cross area of Sheffield. Although the sightings were not in themselves spectacular, the number of independent witnesses, none of whom were aware of the others, and the similarity in their reports, is intriguing.

I first heard of the sightings after midnight on the night of 6th June. Jon Slater called me in great excitement only an hour after the event and I was able to take details over the phone while they were still fresh in his mind. I took down notes, and called him back the next day to arrange to interview Jon and his mother, which I did on Sunday afternoon.

SIGHTING #1

Jon Slater is a 32 year old school groundsman living in Molineux Road, Shiregreen. On Saturday night he decided to take his dog for a walk before going to bed. He opened the front door and was immediately confronted with the sight of 3 unusual objects in the sky ahead and above him. He called for his mother and she joined him on the front steps of their house.

The objects were a very bright orange, in a horizontal line, moving very slowly northwards, away from the witnesses. Jon estimates their size as that of a 10p piece held at arms length. They appeared to be self-luminous, sharply-defined, solid, with

no larger form behind or between them. There was absolutely no sound. The lights were very distinct against the darkness and the low, heavy cloud cover.

Jon left his mother watching while he ran inside and telephoned his friend who lives close by. Jon then returned to the doorstep, where his mother reported that the objects had simply continued to move very slowly northwards in his absence. (The call was quick, but by the time his friend had dressed, the objects had gone.)

As they watched, the 'right-hand' object (#3) suddenly picked up speed and sped off northwards and out of sight, "faster than a jet." Jon had snapped his fingers to indicate the speed of the object's departure.

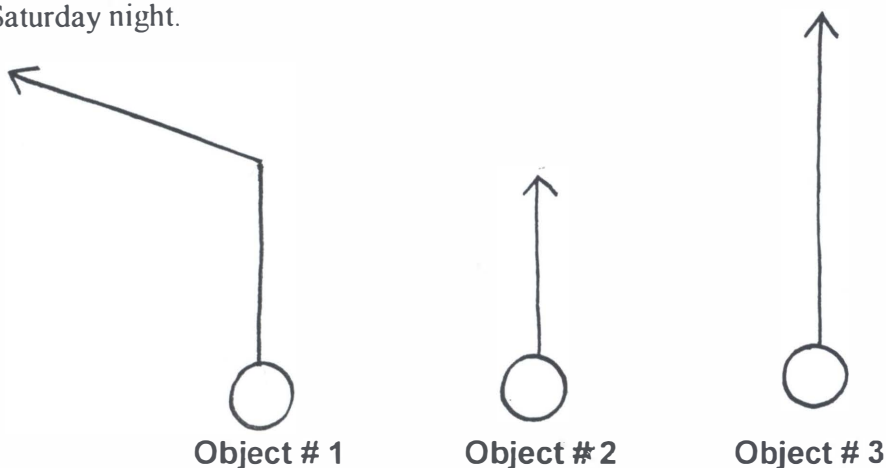
The middle object (#2) then sped north, but suddenly stopped dead. It appeared to shrink in size (or diminish in brightness), grow in size (or flare up again), then shrink (or darken) and vanish altogether.

The 'left-hand' object (#1), then sped off in the same direction as the other two, also "faster than a jet", abruptly turning at a sharp angle to the north-west with no change in speed, to vanish in the distance.

The entire event lasted approximately one and a half minutes. Jon and his mother kept a watch on the sky for some time afterwards but saw nothing else unusual.

Jon was impressed with the speed of the objects' departure, the 'sudden stop' of the second object and sharp angle turn of the third, the complete silence and the intense brightness and colour of the lights, which he likened to the afterburners of a conventional jet.

Although Jon has an interest in UFOs and collects Quest International's *UFO Magazine*, I found him to be a reliable and intelligent witness who described what he saw, with no attempts to elaborate on or exaggerate any details. His story the following afternoon did not change from his excited report over the phone on Saturday night.



Co-observing but independent witnesses came to light when I arrived at work on Monday morning. A friend and colleague called me over to tell me of an experience

he and his wife had had on Saturday night. He knew of YUFOS and was eager to discover if anyone else had reported the lights. Obviously I questioned him before passing on any information gathered from the previous witness.

SIGHTING #2

Ken and Linda Dickinson were returning from a night out on Saturday when they saw the UFOs. They approximate the time as 11:10-11:15. As they were driving along High Greave, they saw strange bright lights high in the sky. Originally, Ken thought that there were five lights but as he was concentrating on his driving he cannot be sure.

The lights were still visible as they continued to drive and were so strange that Ken stopped the car on Lindsay Avenue and got out for a better look. Now he could see that there was definitely a group of bright orange lights moving high in the sky, three in front, with a fourth some distance behind.

The lights were travelling steadily northwards, the leading objects in a rough triangle formation moving with an up and down bobbing motion, like a yo-yo.

The trailing light moved steadily some distance behind the others before suddenly dipping downwards "as though it was coming down to earth". As it lost altitude, the couple thought that they could see something dark trailing behind it, "that flapped up and down." In fact, with the size, the bright light and the trailing 'thing,' Ken thought with alarm that it was a hot air balloon crashing. The object then vanished from sight, appearing to 'come down' around Colley Road.

The other three lights continued northwards before picking up speed, one of them abruptly turning sharply to the right in a seeming collision course with one of the others. However, they passed without crashing and continued on their independent courses until they vanished into the distance.

Concerned, Ken looked around for other witnesses, wondering whether to call the police. As he stood there, a man walked past, and Ken asked him if he had seen the lights. The man said that he had but appeared only vaguely interested and suggested Ken should call the police. As Ken was considering this, a police car drove towards them. The car slowed, with the policeman in the passenger seat peering at Ken as if wondering what he was doing. Before Ken could speak to the police though, the car picked up speed and drove off.

Ken thought that the police may have been following the lights, or at least seen them, but if they did, the policemen either did not make a report, or the police were unwilling to reveal it.

The next day, sure that he would find some trace of the 'crashing' object, Ken drove over to Colley Road and checked the area, but could find nothing unusual.

SIGHTING # 3

Steven Matthew's, a 15 year old schoolboy was out in his garden in his home in Fircroft Road, Shiregreen with his dogs and his younger brother Chris, aged 12.

At around 11:10pm, their attention was drawn to a gold coloured light in the sky. As they watched, two more lights joined the first, forming together to assume a triangle formation. They were moving fast, and appeared the size of a 10p held at arm's length.

Steven shouted his mother who looked out of the window and saw them too. She then telephoned Steven's friend Kathryn (Witness#5) to co-overrate the lights, which were moving roughly in the direction of her home.

The lights moved away, and Steven thought he saw two of the lights drop 'something black', but which became lost in the darkness.

The lights were in sight for approximately five minutes, and afterwards, the family's dogs "barked for a long period of time."

SIGHTING # 4

Kathryn Ritchie and her mother live on Molineux Road, Shiregreen, some distance from Jon Slater. Mrs. P. Ritchie received the phone call from Steven Matthews' mother at 11:10pm and went to the living room window which looks out on the front garden. She was able to see people in the street looking up, apparently at the house. She then realised that they were actually looking past her house and up at the sky. She went to a window at the top of the stairs which looks out over the rear of the house and was able to see the lights Steven had apparently seen, and called her daughter Kathryn. Together, they watched the lights move across the sky.

Kathryn described 3 gold-orange lights moving northwards at a high rate of speed, in a triangular formation. They were about the size of a match-head, and were very sharply defined, and apparently solid. They were not three light on a single object.

The lights were in sight for around 1 minute before moving out of sight behind the side of the house.

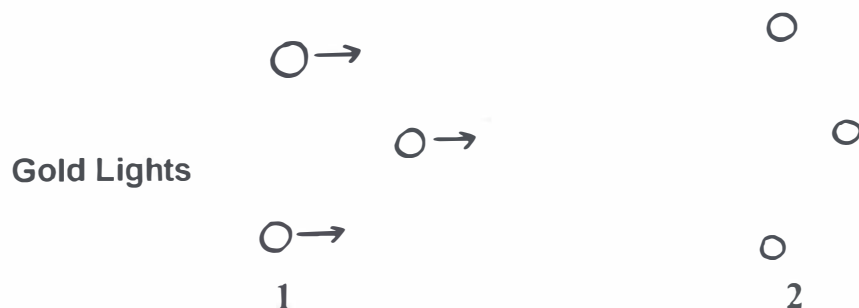
Karthryn was so impressed by her sighting that she felt the need to check upon what the objects could be. Showing excellent initiative, she telephoned Sheffield Airport, who were very interested in the report and put her through to Air Traffic Control.

ATC said they had nothing in the area at the time, but would check around other airports in an attempt to identify the lights. They called Kathryn back later, but could not explain the lights as conventional civilian aircraft.

Kathryn also contacted the police, who informed her they had received no other UFO reports and that the police helicopter was not in the area either.

Later, Kathryn phoned the Sheffield Star and spoke to David Clarke, who I had already alerted to the other sightings. Knowing of my investigation, David passed Kathryn's number to me, and I was able to speak to her, and she put me in touch with Steven Matthews.

approx. size as seen in sky



FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION

As with many cases of 'Lights In The Sky', there is little that one can do after the event but run the usual checks with airports, the police helicopter etc, but no explanations were forthcoming.

It is interesting to note that two weeks previously there had been a stream of reports, again on a Saturday night, of huge balls of light moving across the sky, which David Clarke discovered were hot air balloons. A week after that, there was a spate of sightings in the Killamarsh area, which remain unexplained. However, it is unlikely that the lights seen on the 6th June were hot air balloons, as the airports would have been well aware of them, and the speed and manoeuvres described by all of the independent witnesses are not those of hot air balloons.

The night in question was completely overcast, and so astronomical bodies or anomalies, such as meteorites, planets, etc can be ruled out.

It is possible that the UFOs were a hoax, created with illuminated helium-filled balloons. There was a series of these late last year and reported in *The Star* by David Clarke. The 'crashing' object described by Ken and Linda Dickinson certainly fits with a rapidly deflating balloon, especially the 'streamer-like thing' which flapped behind it. Ken maintains however, that the object was quite large: as already noted he thought it was a hot-air balloon, i.e. the type people ride in, which was about to crash.

These helium balloons are carried only on the wind, and all witnesses confirmed that there was very little, if any wind that night, as well as heavy and low cloud cover. Although it is notoriously difficult for people to accurately judge the speed of an object, especially when they are not certain of its altitude or actual size, 'very fast' can sometimes mean 'very fast', if not actually 'faster than a jet' as some witnesses claimed. The differing speeds, sudden stops, and independent directions makes it difficult to believe that the lights that people saw on Saturday night were illuminated

helium- filled balloons. Similarly, radio-controlled 'UFO balloons', available by mail order from numerous stores can be ruled out considering the distance the lights appeared to cover.

Of course this is a far cry from calls of 'spaceships' and aliens and it should be stressed that none of the witnesses made any mention that they believed they were seeing anything 'extraterrestrial', just something very unusual.

There is a distinct possibility that the lights were military craft, something the military would be unwilling to admit to even if asked. (See Dave Clarke's adventures with 'The Yorkshire UFO Crash' in recent issues of both YUFOS and *UFO Magazine* for confirmation.)

Awaiting further details and witnesses, the case remains open, awaiting further information.

SKEPTICS Vs. *THE X-FILES*... "Movie Release Could Usher in Turn-of-the-Millennium Era of the Paranormal"

**Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal.
(CSICOP)**

In the late 1970s, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* ignited imaginations across the world, and helped spur popular fascination with alien visitation and abduction. Now *The X-Files: Fight the Future* film is scheduled to be released on June 19, (*in America, August 21 here in Britain- ed.*) and if the movie is well received by critics and viewers on opening weekend, it will likely draw hordes of movie-goers beyond it's 25 million television following,

Tapping into themes of government conspiracy and the paranormal, *The X-Files: Fight the Future* has the potential to catapult interest and belief in a range of paranormal phenomena above already historic levels.

Many prominent scientists, skeptics and academics are concerned with the portrayal of science in the series. In every episode of *The X-Files*, science fails. FBI agent Dana Scully, the series' symbol of rational skepticism, is incapable of posting satisfactory scientific explanations for extraordinary plot developments. It is always Fox Mulder's mystical speculation that is on to something.

"In the entertainment media, just short of sex and violence, conspiracy mongering and paranormal fantasy sells." says Paul Kurtz, member of the co-ordinating committee for the Council for Media Integrity and Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo. "*The X-Files* taps into the fascination market, feeding on viewer gullibility. Science is portrayed as weak and critical thinking is pushed aside."

Magical thinking became a national pastime last summer during the mythological 50th anniversary of the crash of an alien spacecraft at Roswell, New Mexico. According to a Gallup poll, 31% of Americans believed an 'actual' alien craft had

crashed in 1947. In a previous poll, 71% of Americans indicated a belief in some kind of U.S. government cover-up of UFOs.

Many defend the series as mere fiction. In response to that assertion, Oxford University's Richard Dawkins in the March/April issue of *Skeptical Inquirer* asks us to imagine for a minute that *The X-Files* weekly choice between rational theory and paranormal theory were turned into a crime series. In each case one suspect is white and the other black and at the conclusion of every episode, like science in *The X-Files*, the black suspect is found to be guilty. Could Hollywood defend that kind of myth-making as "only fiction"?

REBUTTAL.....by YUFOS editor Dave Baker

My first attempt at a rebuttal to the rant above was simply "Boll**ks", but then I realised I had a page left and decided to be more literate.

In an attempt to pre-empt criticism, the writer gets there first and tries to use the most obvious rebuttal for his *own* argument. Well, tough shit, bud. It IS mere fiction. If people watch the programme and believe it is based entirely or even partly on fact, more fool them. They are no different from the poor deluded folk who's knitting needles went into overdrive creating new woolly hats to send to Benny from *Crossroads*, when his trademark tifter became mangled in Miss Diane's washing machine....or was that Eddie Yeats' hat and Hilda Ogden's washer...(answers on a postcard...) Claiming that mass numbers of people will believe everything Fox Mulder tells them and shun conventional science belongs alongside Mary Whitehouse's warning that toddlers watching *Tom & Jerry* will begin hitting each other with frying pans, and winding their brother's tongue up in the wringer.

The 'black and white' metaphor mentioned so glibly by Dawkins, apart from applying the Race Card in a completely illogical and unsuitable place, shows no understanding of the television medium whatsoever. So Mulder's paranormal explanation is always right. So it should be *-it's a paranormal show*. Victor Meldrew just *has* to have days when he doesn't create comedic havoc....but we viewers only see the days in which he does, and David Renwick is only going to write about those days too. Because like...it's a *comedy* show...

Perhaps CSICOP should ask why we never see Poirot call everyone into the parlour at the end of his programme to reveal that he hasn't a clue who murdered Bertie 'Wooders' Woodstaff in the conservatory, or even why the BBC haven't yet made an episode of *Eastenders* where everyone is nice to each other....

Seriously, this is just another humourless, raging attack on free thinking by the number one de-bunking agency in the free world.* CSICOP do not just turn their noses up at calls of aliens, ghosts and bigfoot. CSICOP attempt to discredit any claims of thinking beyond 'known' science. So blind are they, that they have also released an attack on the work of the Sturrock Panel (Sturrock report elsewhere this issue), merely because the panel suggested that *some* UFO reports deserve further scientific study (for example, earth-lights...) The Sturrock report made pains to claim that there is no evidence to suggest that UFOs are of ET origin, but that is not enough for CSICOP, who would prefer that the study of UFOs is forgotten altogether....

I'm just waiting for the CSICOP attack on *Godzilla*....could it *really* usher in global belief in giant lizards?

*Well...we're all allowed an exaggerated rant ONCE per issue.

CNN/Time Poll: 27% Believe ET Has Been Here, 80% Think Cover-Up

NEW YORK, (June 9) IPS - Aliens are everywhere, at least in the United States -- where the number of people who believe in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) outnumbers those who voted for Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

In fact, according to the Gallup polling organisation, 27 percent of all Americans believe that space aliens have already visited Earth. Even more telling is a Time/CNN poll suggesting that some 80 percent of all respondents believe in a government cover-up of the existence of aliens.

(Inter Press Service)

CORSO- or COR\$O?

Attorney Peter A. Gersten, executive director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), announced that retired Army Colonel Philip J. Corso has sworn under oath that the claims he made in his best-selling book "*The Day After Roswell*" are true.

Gersten said that Corso had signed an affidavit which confirmed he saw alien bodies in July 1947 and read autopsy reports in 1961.

This affidavit will apparently be used in a CAUS lawsuit filed against the U.S. Army on March 25 1998 in the U.S. District Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

Gersten hopes that the federal court will force the Army to come clean about Roswell and hand over all documents relating to the alleged alien

crash and recovered vehicle and bodies.

Colonel Corso is thought to be the highest ranking military officer, if not the only officer, to swear such an oath concerning alien corpses.

Perjury, or lying under oath is punishable by a jail sentence, and is not to be taken lightly. However, critics pointed out that Corso, now 83, has little need to worry about prison.

Then, on 14th June, Gersten posted an E-mail message on the Internet that Corso had suffered a massive heart attack, less than two weeks after signing the affidavit.

According to Phil Corso Jnr., Corso had suffered 90% heart damage and had not been expected to live when he was admitted to the hospital.

However, Gersten reported that Corso had made an incredible recovery and was in a stable condition. Doctors were "baffled" at his recovery, and there was even a possibility that he would be allowed home "within five days".

Strangely, only a few days before his heart attack, Phil Corso Jnr. had released a statement, written by his father, to CNI News, which read in part:

"Certain elements have laid claim to all my future writings. They have involved me in legal proceedings. I will not foster on the world cheap sensationalism, half-truths, errors passed off as reality, etc., for the purpose of personal gain.

"The U.S. government and the Army have not attempted or even hinted to me not to make the truth on Roswell or UFOs that I possess known to the

world. But other elements have stopped me, by using the courts. I will not under any condition put the knowledge I possess into their hands to exploit for their own ends; so the story may never be told.

"I survive on my military retirement pay. It is not sufficient to live on and pay my legal fees, although my attorneys have been most tolerant. I have not received any royalties from "The Day After Roswell" and as such cannot continue my work because of the heavy financial burden.

"Therefore, I wish to establish the Col. Philip J. Corso Legal Fund. all donations and questions may be referred to my attorney."

Ufologist Dennis Stacey had already long-christened the retired colonel Corso, to the chagrin of the man's supporters, and Glenn Campbell of UFOmind said:

"This is reminiscent of another (alleged) military colonel, Steve Wilson, who when pressed for disclosure would; disappear, get gravely ill, or die. I would hazard to guess that Mr. Corso will use his heart condition as the reason he cannot appear in court to testify in the lawsuit CAUS has (allegedly) filed against the Army."

(Sources: CNI News, UFO Updates)

ROSWELL IN NEWS...AGAIN!

More controversy surrounding Roswell hit the Internet when James Bond Johnson, the man who claims to be the "Roswell Photographer" suddenly announced that his pictures proved a spaceship *did* crash in the desert in 1947 after all.

Johnson who snapped the famous photographs of Major Jesse Marcell and General Roger Ramey holding 'wreckage', identified as actually being debris from a weather balloon, now claims that super enlargements of his photographs show I-beams with 'alien hieroglyphics' and other wreckage described by Marcell.

Remember, the story goes that Marcell brought a sample of the saucer debris into Ramey's office to show to the press, but was sent on an errand. When he returned, 'his' wreckage had been replaced by obvious weather balloon fragments. The press were already there, and Marcell dare not speak out as the world was told that the only thing found on Mac Brazell's ranch was the infamous weather balloon.

Presumably this means that when the debris was switched, some of the 'alien' bits were 'left behind' and got mixed up...all-riggghht...

Johnson claimed that the enlargements would be available from the University of Texas, to which the original photos were donated, and posted on the net, but neither happened.

In a bid to see the 'evidence' for themselves sleuths set to work on their own copies of the photos, either with computer imaging software, or in the darkroom. Some claimed they could see the alien I-beams, others pointed out that the beams were nothing more than the struts used in the construction of the balloon.

Many more voiced their concerns over the reliability of Johnson himself, with even such Roswell supporters as Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle slamming his testimony. Indeed, as

time went on, Micheal Lindemann of CNI News released a statement on behalf of Jesse Marcell Jnr. which totally disassociated himself from Johnson.

CHAT SHOW HOST "BELIEVES IN SPACE ALIENS"

In an up-coming edition of her top-rated US talk show, Emmy-award winning Rosie O'Donnell interviews Whitley Streiber and admits that she suspects she is an abductee...

Rosie told the supermarket tabloid *The National Enquirer*,

"Extraterrestrial life is something we should all be curious about."

Streiber, author of *Communion* and new bestseller *Confirmation* told *The Enquirer* in an exclusive interview:

"A celebrity of Rosie's stature willing to declare herself on behalf of the close encounter witness is just wonderful.

"After reading *Confirmation*, Rosie contacted me and invited me on her show to discuss aliens.

"While Rosie told me she has no memory of an encounter, she did talk about implants -- and she pointed to a place right behind her right ear and said if she had gotten an implant that would be the spot.

"She turned for me to look at it. It was visible. It was a gray area centered on a gray dot on the side of her head behind her right ear.

"I didn't examine the spot. It would have to be examined by a doctor," he said. "But anyone could see it."

"Rosie's interest in encounters is high enough that even if she doesn't have the memory of an encounter, it's very possible she had one.

"An ultrahigh level of interest with no apparent knowledge of anything ever happening always suggests the possibility that there may be something Rosie doesn't remember."

Hmmm..... So, by using the Striebster's logic, the very fact that I cannot remember making mad passionate love to Jennifer Aniston means...that I must have done.....

Cool!

EAST KENT MEP DEMANDS UFO INVESTIGATION

Mark Watts, Member of European Parliament for East Kent, has demanded an investigation into UFO sightings in the Hythe area of Kent.

He said that there were many independent sightings of UFOs in the weeks leading up to last May's General Election.

They all occurred close to the home of former Home Secretary Michael Howard. When the MP stood for the conservative party leadership last summer fellow Tory Anne Widdecombe made accusations that he had "something of the night about him."

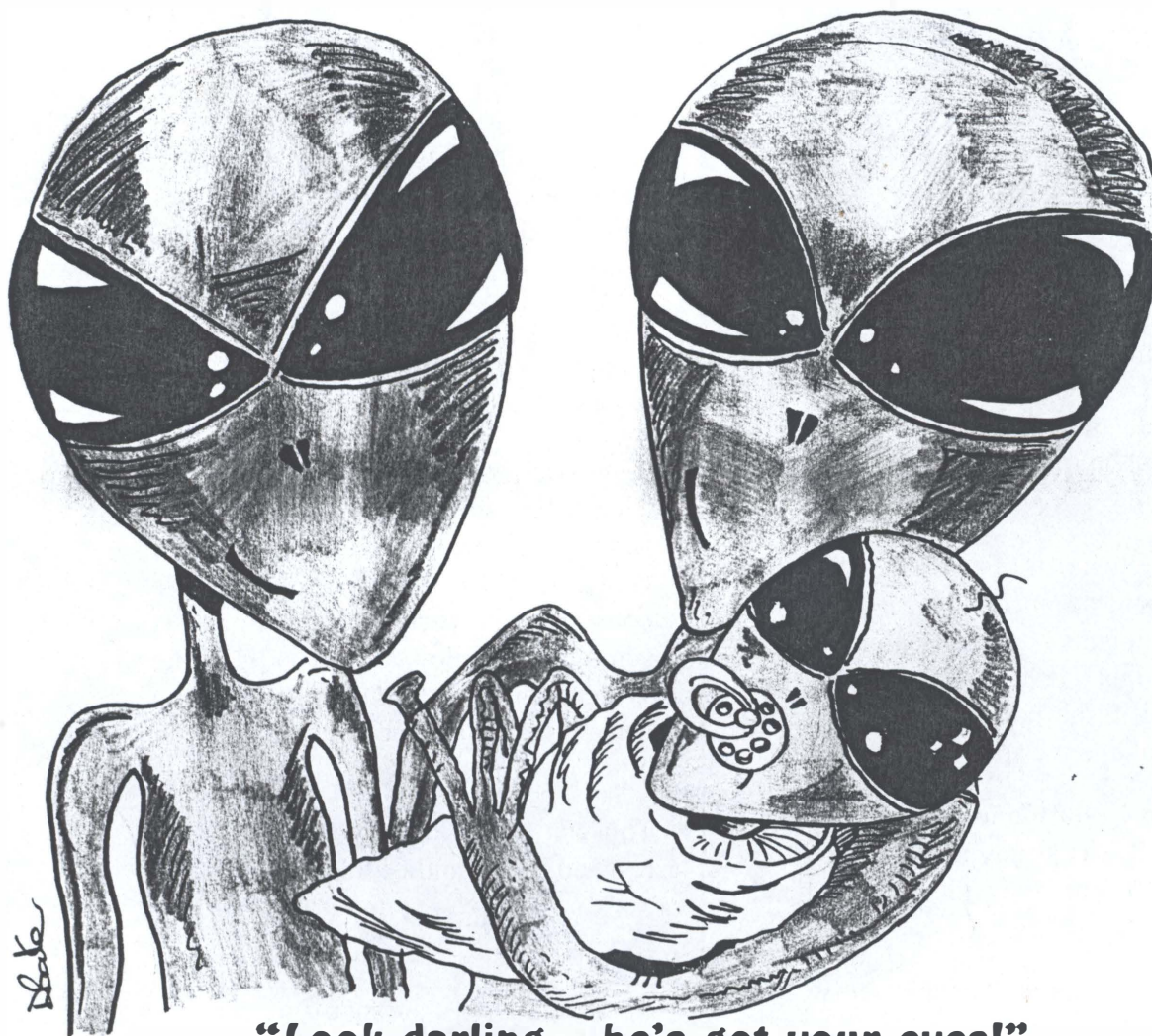
Thus far, calls for a probe have been resisted by the authorities.

(Roy Hale, UFO Updates)

NEXT MEETING!

**Tuesday 11th August
The Three Cranes Public House
Queen Street
Sheffield City Centre
7:00-10:00**

**with Special Guest
RORY LUSHMAN
(Pendle-Hyndburn UFO Society)**



“Look darling....he’s got your eyes!”